

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following heading:

**FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, line 24, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, lines 31-34, amend the paragraph as follows:

The solution according to the invention lies in an insertion instrument ~~with the features of~~ ~~Claim 1. Advantageous developments are the subject of the dependent claims. for a multi-part~~ ~~intervertebral endoprosthesis that includes two closure plates and a sliding core arranged~~ ~~between the closure plates, an insertion instrument that includes a handgrip part, gripping~~ ~~members which hold the closure plates between them, a hinge, a force-receiving part for~~ ~~applying an insertion force to the intervertebral endoprosthesis, either projections pointing in a~~ ~~tensioning direction or recesses for holding the intervertebral endoprosthesis with a form-fit that~~ ~~are formed on the gripping members, and a block guided in the longitudinal axis direction and~~ ~~provided with an abutment surface configured to be movable by an actuating device so as to bear~~ ~~on the intervertebral endoprosthesis and, in a forward position, so as to secure the intervertebral~~ ~~endoprosthesis against the projections or recesses. The gripping members are configured to be~~ ~~guided movably toward and away from one another via the hinge and to be tensioned against the~~ ~~intervertebral endoprosthesis. The preferred embodiments set forth other advantageous features~~ ~~of the invention.~~

Page 5, line 26, insert the following heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 6, line 11, insert the following heading:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

**Abstract ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An insertion instrument for a multi-part intervertebral endoprosthesis [(9)] comprises includes two closure plates [(91, 92)] and a sliding core [(93)] arranged between these, said

insertion instrument having a handgrip part [[(21, 31)]], gripping members which hold the closure plates between them, and a force-receiving part for applying an insertion force to the intervertebral endoprosthesis [[(9)]], the gripping members being guided movably toward and away from one another via a hinge [[(4)]] and being able to be tensioned against the intervertebral endoprosthesis [[(9)]], projections [[(51, 52)]] pointing in the tensioning direction [[(12)]] or recesses for holding the intervertebral endoprosthesis [[(9)]] with form-fit being provided on the gripping members, and a block [[(61)]] guided in the longitudinal axis direction [[(10)]] and with an abutment surface [[(62)]] being provided which can be moved by means of an actuating device [[(7)]] so as to bear on the intervertebral endoprosthesis [[(9)]] and, in its forward position, secures the intervertebral endoprosthesis [[(9)]] against the projections [[(51, 52)]] or recesses.